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SUBJ: CYPRUS FOREIGN MINISTER DISCUSSES MAKARIOS VISIT TO GULF  
AND POSSIBLE POLICY REORIENTATION

1. WHEN I SAW HIM ON ANOTHER MATTER MAY 29, I ASKED GOC FONMIN  
CHRISTOPHIDES ABOUT RESULTS OF MAKARIOS' JUST-CONCLUDED TRIP TO  
GULF STATES, AND HIS OBJECTIVE IN SCHEDULED JUNE VISITS TO IRAQ,  
SYRIA AND POSSIBLY EGYPT. RDKERRING TO EXTENSIVE LOCAL SPECULA-  
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TION, I ASKED WHETHER THESE VISITS PORTENDED A POLICY SHIFT BACK

TO RELIANCE ON SOVIETS AND ARABS IN PURSUIT OF INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. I SAID WE WERE HEARING THAT MAKARIOS SEEKING SUPPORT FOR A MULTI-NATION INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE CONVENED IN SEPTEMBER, IN PREFERENCE TO PRESENT INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WALDHEIM'S AEGIS AS SUPPORTED BY CURRENT VIGOROUS U.S. DIPLOMACY. I INQUIRED IN PARTICULAR WHETHER AS A GESTURE TOWARD ARAB STATES MAKARIOS MIGHT BE CONSIDERING BREAKING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

2. IN REPLY, CHRISTOPHIDES WAS UNCHARACTERISTICALLY GUARDED HE SAID VISITS TO GULF STATES HAD PRODUCED AN UNDERSTANDING IN PRINCIPLE ON CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENTS ON TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THESE COULD LEAD TO BOTH ARAB INVESTMENTS IN CYPRUS AND CONTRACTS FOR CYPRIOT FIRMS IN THE GULF. IN BROADER SENSE, ARCHBISHOP SEEKING REINFORCE HIS TRADITIONALLY GOOD RELATIONS WITH ARABS. RADICAL POLICY CHANGE LOOKING TO THE EAST NOT BEING ACTIVELY CONSIDERED AT PRESENT BUT NEITHER THIS NOR A BREAK WITH ISRAEL TO BE EXCLUDED IN THE LONGER TERM IF GREEK CYPRIOT INTERESTS COULD BE SERVED THEREBY.

3. IN SAME CONVERSATION, CHRISTOPHIDES EXPRESSED PERSONAL REGRET THAT GOC HAD NOT DONE MORE TO FOLLOW UP ON EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO IT BY THIS EMBASSY BEARING ON KILLING OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES. HE INUNURED ABOUT DETAILS OF OUR PAST APPROACHES TO MAKARIOS AND CLERIDES AND PROMISED THAT HE WOULD ACTIVELY CONCERN HIMSELF TO SEE THAT INVESTIGATION CARRIED FORWARD.

4. COMMENT: MY ISRAELI COLLEAGUE IS RATHER FRANTICALLY WORRIED ABOUT MAKARIOS' INTENTIONS ON RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. THIS CONVERSATION INDICATES THAT THERE MAY BE A BASIS FOR HIS CONCERN. HERETOFORE, WE HAVE ALWAYS FELT THAT ISRAEL'S MODEST, BUT TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS HERE AND RESULTANT GOODWILL OF CYPRIOTS WOULD PRECLUDE SUCH A DRASTIC STEP.

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